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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated January 16, 2002, enclosed are the following:

- Part 2 of Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533
(Notice to File Missing Parts of Application)
- Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application which has been executed by the named inventor(s)
- Applicant claims small entity status
- A check in the amount of \$477.00 to cover the filing fee of \$412.00 and the \$65.00 surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e); and a check in the sum of \$55.00 to cover the one-month extension fee.
- English Translation and \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(k)) fee for filing late.
- Other: New drawing sheets (9) and Petition and Fee for Extension of Time

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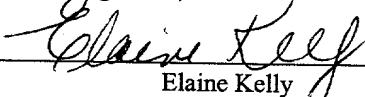
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